AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled).

2. (currently amended): A method for producing the roundish fused alumina

particles according to claim 1, wherein the roundish fused alumina particles have a mean particle

size of 5 to 4,000 µm and a roundness of 0.85 or more, wherein characterized in that the method

comprises removing edges of fused alumina particles by making the fused alumina particles

collide with each other.

3. (currently amended): A method for producing the roundish fused alumina

particles according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the method comprises removing

edges of fused alumina particles by means of a jet mill.

4. (original): The method for producing the roundish fused alumina particles

according to claim 3, wherein the jet mill is a counter-flow type jet mill.

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5. (original): The method for producing the roundish fused alumina particles according to claim 3, wherein the jet mill is a rotational-flow type jet mill.

- 6. (original): The method for producing the roundish fused alumina particles according to claim 4, wherein the counter-flow type jet mill is one which can arbitrarily control nozzle pressure, rotation speed of a classifier, and operation time thereof.
- 7. (original): The method for producing the roundish fused alumina particles according to claim 4, wherein the counter-flow type jet mill is operated at a nozzle pressure of 0.6 to 0.8 MPa.
- 8. (original): The method for producing the roundish fused alumina particles according to claim 4, wherein the counter-flow type jet mill is operated in a batch manner and the residue is provided as a product.
 - 9-14. (canceled).
- 15. (new): A method for producing a wear resistant resin composition, comprising producing the roundish fused alumina particles according to the method of claim 2, and then incorporating the roundish fused alumina particles to a resin.

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16. (new): A method for producing a high-thermal-conductivity rubber composition, comprising producing the roundish fused alumina particles according to the method of claim 2, and then incorporating the roundish fused alumina particles to a rubber.

17. (new): A method for producing a high-thermal-conductivity resin composition, comprising producing the roundish fused alumina particles according to the method of claim 2, and then incorporating the roundish fused alumina particles to a resin.